States under Special Central Assistance during 1998-99 to 2000-01 are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Gujarat	371.40	682.27	1521.88
Maharashtra	1673.92	206730	2722.00
Rajasthan	2575.48	2792.68	3738.96
Andhra Pradesh	3338.78	4134.94	3720.00
Madhya Pradesh	2237.08	3303.27	1720.00
Uttar Pradesh	7518.15	9728.65	9398.00

No diversion of SCA fund has been reported.

Constitution of SC and ST Commission

† 2385. SHRIMATI SAVTTA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to constitute a Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this direction, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Article 338 of the Constitution provides for setting up of tihe National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Natioanal Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been set up under this provision.

Appointment of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

† 2386. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-disabled person has recently been appointed as the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD); and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.